

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Official Action mailed February 23, 2005. A petition for a three-month extension of the period for responding to this Official Action, to and including August 23, 2005, is submitted herewith.

In the Official Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 19 and 20 "would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims." (Official Action at 12.) Claim 19 is dependent upon claims 1, 7, 16, 17 and 18, and claim 20 is dependent upon claim 19. Applicants have amended claim 1, therefore, to incorporate the subject matter of claims 7, 16, 17 and 18 and have amended claim 20 to make this claim dependent upon claim 1. Therefore, claims 1 and 20 should now be allowable. Applicants have canceled all other pending claims, namely, claims 2-19 and 21-63. This application, therefore, should now be in condition for allowance.

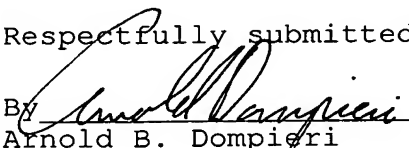
If for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, she is respectfully requested to telephone Applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections she may have.

If any additional charges are due in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 12-1095 therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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